(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) सरकार ने इस संबंध में क्या निर्णय किया है ?

संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम० एम० जैकब) : (क) से (ग) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सदन के पटल पर रख दी जायेगी ।

Export of Defence Equipment

4061. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:

SHRI RADHAKISHAN MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to export the defence equipments during the years 1992 and 1993;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the amount of foreign exchange likely to be earned due to such export; and

(c) what is the likely export/import ratio of defence equipments?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) Government have already initiated steps to export defence equipments.

(b) Defence export covers a wide range of items manufactured by the Ordnance Factory Board and Defence Public Sector Undertakings. The value of exports (including deemed export) by the defence production units in 1991-92 was Rs. 101.26 crore. An export target (including deemed export) of Rse. 120 crore has been fixed for the defence production units during 1992-93 and it is expected that the foreign exchange earnings during 1992-93 through exports by defence production units will be as per the target fixed.

(c) It is not in public interest to disclose the information.

Entering Commercial Market by Ordnance Factories

4062. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government run Ordnance Factories in the country which were hitherto catering exclusively the needs of defence forces have decided to enter the commercial market in the country and abroad;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what are the names of countries to which the arms and ammunition is likely to be exported?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) Ordnance factories cater primarily to defence forces. The policy of the Government is to promote mutually reinforcing linkages between ordnance factories and the civil sector by (i) providing the civil sector access to technological capabilities in the ordnance factories, (ii) involving the civil sector in production of components required for defence equipment and (iii) responding to demand for products in the civil sector, including export markets.

(c) This it would not be in public interest to disclose.

Stoppage of purchase orders for new items by CSD

4063. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Canteen Stores Depot has stopped placing orders of certain newly introduced items in the last six months;